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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the final Office Action dated April 8, 2008 (the "Office Action"), and now submit this response. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 8, 2008, together with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review. A decision on the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review was mailed from the Patent Office on December 23, 2008. A request for an extension of time through and including March 23, 2009, and a Request for Continued Examination, are being filed herewith, and this response is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin at page 9 of this paper.